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NEWS OF THE MINES

The Commodore Mining Company Has One of the Richest Showings in the District.

CRITTENDEN COMPANY TO BEGIN WORK

The latest and best mine in this level zinc and fluor spar district is the Commodore near the Crittenden Springs, owned and operated by the Commodore Mining Company, of Louisville. The company territory comprises about 200 acres in the vicinity of such well known mines as the Leona, Cartwright, Big Four, Larue and Crittenden mines, all of them being on the Larue vein. This great mine, a genuine bonanza, came into existence two months ago, though the shaft was sunk a year ago to the depth of 100 feet. Two months ago John L. Harpending was employed by the company as superintendent. After spending three weeks in putting the machinery in shape and pumping out the shaft he opened up at the seventy and ninety foot levels, the richest ore body of lead and zinc ever found in this district and in twenty shifts has mined, hoisted and platformed over 200 tons of this rich ore, and this has been done with an average of six men per shift. The mine now employs three men underground, one monkey, and two machine men using Ingersoll-Rand air drill and five men on top to handle ore and machinery. The underground works are so arranged with two levels and four drifts, that the drills and hoist are kept running every hour of the shift. The mine is equipped with three fifty horse power boilers, one 10x12 Ingersoll-Rand air compressor, Lidgerwood hoist and two Ingersoll-Rand air drills. Mr. Harpending informs us that he has thousands of tons of this ore blocked out and will have no trouble in making an average output of 500 tons of ore per month. He has also made arrangements to tap the ore body at a greater depth to add more sloping room to the mines, and invites any one interested in mining in this district to visit his mine at any time.

The Leander Mining Company, composed of Marion capitalists, have taken over the property of the Glendale Mining Company, near the Commodore mines and on the same vein, and a short time ago opened up the largest vein of lead and fluor spar ever found in this district, measuring twenty-four feet wide. This vein was opened up at a depth of three feet. This company is now sinking two shafts 12x12 and have mined about 600 tons of this ore. Supt. A. J. Pickens put several wagons to hauling this ore to the railroad at Marion last week.

The Eagle Fluor Spar Company at the Cullen mine near Salem are busy installing three ore perfection sizers, and as soon as completed will start their 200 ton separating mill.

W. S. Lowery, general manager for the Pope's interest in this district, has the best of the big thing in the New Salem district at his mine, the Watson. This is spar mine to a depth of ninety feet, at which depth lead becomes very much in evidence. Mr. Lowery informs us that, if the weather permits, he will have in a sinking plant and mill within sixty days. He resumed the sinking of his shaft last week and will push things until he adds another one hundred feet in depth to this shaft. He now has some 800 tons of spar washed and on platforms ready for the mill. Mr. Lowery will begin work for the company on three other properties at once.

A letter received from the Crittenden Mining Co., of Henderson, states they will resume operation in the near future. This was received with much joy by the mining people of this district, as this is known to be one of the best undeveloped properties in the county and could, with a little push, grit and greenback, be listed among the shippers.

The Schoolfield-Spees mines will open for the 1907 season April 1. They are in better shape than ever before, and expect to make good progress in the development of their property this year.

There has never been a time when there was so small amount of fluor spar in the yards at Mexico as there is just now. There are three tons of unwashed gravel spar, five ton of lump spar, No. 2, and one ton of No. 1 lump spar, making a total of fourteen tons. There usually about 2000 tons.

One can not look over the report by H. Foster Bain of the Fluor Spar Deposits of Southern Illinois without concluding from the amount of space, to say nothing of what is said in that space, that Hardin county has the greatest amount of spar in the entire spar section. It also has the best quality. In his report he says there two entirely different ways by which this mineral may have been concentrated. One is by the action of the normal meteoric waters of the region which may have gathered the scattered particles into the veins. The other is by the action of the heated waters, either originally meteoric derived from the intruded igneous rock, or in the part from each source. He further says that in the indications are that the chief agency was heated waters in segregation and that an essential portion of the load of these mines was obtained from a large mass of lower-lying intruded rock, of which the dikes are the offshoots. Whatever may have been the origin of spar or the other mineral of our county does not concern the land owner so much the indications that lead to the finding of those minerals. But even this does not concern the Hardin county owners because the minerals are found on the surface. This has been done by nearly every owner of 40 acres of land in our county. Spar and lead are found in many places on top of the ground. It may be well to learn what some of the minerals are so they may be known when found. Fluorite or Fluor Spar is one of the most beautiful of minerals, occurring in cubic crystals and groups of crystals. Sometimes very large and of a variety of colors, from colorless to green, yellow, brown red and purple. It is common to find angles of the cube projecting from the face of another. A very fine specimen of this kind can be seen on a table in the Era office now, which came from the Lead Hill District. These crystals may be cut in various shapes by very light stroke of an edged tool. They yield only when the strike is made line with their cleavage. Fluorite is a common mineral in lead veins and is then to form the "gangue" of the ore. Galena, or Lead Sulphide, is found the Spar, it has cleavage. Much galena carries a small amount of silver, and when this is sufficient in quantity to justify its being worked for the precious metal, it is regarded as a silver ore and called argentiferous galena. In the Miller mines of Lead Hill quite a little quantity of silver is being found. It now appears that if one can find lead fluor spar he is apt to find lead and silver.—Cave-in-Rock Era.

J. N. Boston and Robt. Henry Moore bought of Mrs. M. C. Alvis, near Salem, last week, 85 acres of fine white oak timber. They expect to work it themselves, but the Lawson Bros. offered them a profit, they sold it to them.

COUNTY STATISTICS

Number of Acres of Land and Value, and Amount in Cultivation. Other Interesting Items.

1,950,075 POUNDS TOBACCO RAISED.

Below we publish a statistical report of the lands and products of Crittenden county. It shows a healthy state of affairs in every way and is the best evidence of prosperity and plenty on every hand. It will be interesting to our readers as it gives an idea of the valuation placed upon the county's annual production in an agricultural way.

Amount of bonds	\$ 9,400
Amount of notes secured by mortgage	209,280
Amount of other notes	116,960
Amount of accounts	11,395
Amount of cash on hand	26,965
Amount of cash on deposit in bank and against which checks in payment of prior bona fide indebtedness have not been drawn	99,575
Amount of cash on deposit with individuals	400
Amount of all other credits or money at interest	5,006
Amount of stock in corporations, joint stock companies or associations of this State not paid on by the company or ass'n.	350
Number of acres of land	222,194
Price per acre	7.44
Valuation of each tract with improvements	1,654,765
Number of city or town lots	825
Value of each with improvements	482,345
Number of thoroughbred saddle and standard stallions	3
Value	1,300
Number thoroughbred saddle and standard mares and colts	5
Value	210
Number of stallions of common stock	13
Value	1,125
Number of geldings, mares and colts of common stock	2,899
Value	168,955
Number of mules and mule colts	1,584
Value	109,455
Number of jacks	19
Value	1,835
Number of jennets	21
Value	455
Number of registered bulls	7
Value	290
Number of registered cows and calves	4
Value	90
Number of bulls, cows, calves and steers of common stock	6,197
Value	70,455
Number of sheep	3,326
Value	9,025
Number of hogs	12,855
Value	38,110
Value of agricultural implements	23,240
Value of agricultural products for taxation, less value of the crops grown in the year assessment was made and in the hands of the producer	3,125
Number of wagons, carriages, automobiles, bicycles and vehicles of every kind and the value of each separately	36,605
Value of slaughtered animals	50
Value of safes	7,035
Value of household and kitchen furniture	75,520
Value of manufacturing implements, machinery of all kinds	2,045
Value of pianoforte and other musical instruments	12,515

Value of raw materials to be used in manufacturing	185
Value of manufactured articles	50
Number of paintings	1
Value thereof	70
Library	13
Number of volumes	1,396
Value thereof	3,985
Number of diamonds	5
Value thereof	840
Value of watches and clocks	4,165
Value of jewelry	155
Value of gold and silver plated ware	290
Value of steam engines, including boilers	14,485
Value of mineral products	7,000
Value of coal mines, oil, gas and salt well	2,600
Value of brick, stone and other building materials	2,000
Value of wines, whiskies, brandies and mixtures thereof not in distillery bonded warehouses	1,000
Number of stores	78
Value of stock of goods and other property therein	96,440
Value of property held for another for the purpose of sale on commission or otherwise	1,525
Value of all property not mentioned above	24,650
Total assessed value of lands embraced in items 12 to 15 inclusive	1,654,765
Total assessed value town lots embraced in items 16 to 18 inclusive	482,345
Total assessed value of personal property embraced in items 1 to 11 inclusive	479,325
Total assessed value of personal property embraced in items 19 to 24 inclusive	714,888
Amount of exemptions on household goods and other personal property to a person with a family— not exceeding \$250	254,000
Grand total value of all property assessed for taxation (after exemptions have been deducted)	3,077,315
Males over 21 years of age	2,936
Served in Federal or Confederate army	64
Children between 6 and 20 years	5,828
Number of studs, jacks or bulls for which a service fee is charged	18
Rate per season	70
Pounds of tobacco raised during the season	1,950,075
Tons of hay raised during the year	3,361
Bushels of corn raised during the year	709,689
Bushels of wheat	30,763
Bushels of oats	583
Number of acres of wheat raised during the year	3,137
Number of acres of corn	32,541
Number of acres meadow	4,186
Number of acres woodland	33,988
Number of acres tobacco	2,525
Number of dogs over four months of age	1,600

Little Leaders

[From the Princeton Leader]
Mrs. A. H. McNeely has been seriously ill for the past several days. She now has a trained nurse with her.
Judge and Mrs. J. T. Akin spent Sunday in Marion with their daughter, Mrs. Hugh Hurley.
S. M. Weldon, of Marion, has accepted a position with J. H. Gibbs, the Big Spring Saloonist. Mr. Weldon comes highly recommended as an expert mixologist.
Judge and Mrs. J. T. Akin, of this city, are the proud grandparents of twin boys, born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hurley, of Marion. Both are healthy little fellows, and weigh six pounds each.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Held their Annual Banquet, Friday Evening February 15th, at the Hotel Crittenden.

AN ENJOYABLE TIME WAS SPENT BY ALL

The Knights of Pythias held their annual banquet at the Hotel Crittenden, Friday evening, February 15th. The Knights and Ladies assembled at Castle Hall and marched to the hotel, where a sumptuous feast had been prepared for them.

Mr. H. A. Haynes was toastmaster and proved himself equal to the occasion, as also did those who responded.

Rich and rare were the many jokes and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all till a late hour.

The toasts were as follows:

Beauties of Pythianism

Rev. James F. Price

"To have part in the sorrows of our friends broadens the vision, tempers the heart and makes golden the light that falls around the hearthstone where we with loved ones dwell."

We Live for Those we Love

Jno. W. Wilson

"Domestic happiness, thou only bliss of Paradise that hast survived the fall."

Door of the Lodge Chastain Haynes
"Strait is the Gate and Narrow is the Way . . . And few there be that find it."

A Knight without Fear and without Reproach W. D. Cannan
"My good blade carves the oesques of men."

My tough lance thrusteth sure. My strength is as the strength of ten Because my heart is pure."

MENU.

Turkey	Oyster Soup	Ham
Celery	Cranberries	
Biscuits	Salt Rising Bread	
Brown Dressing	Salted Peanuts	
Chicken Salad		
Olives	Cheese Straws	Pickles
Cream	Sherbet	
Cakes		
Coffee	Fruit	Cocoa
"He that hath light within his own clear breast may sit in the centre of night and enjoy bright day; while he who hides a foul soul and dark thoughts behighted walks beneath the midday sun."		

Those present were
Rev. and Mrs. James F. Price
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Haynes
" " James Freeman
" " A. C. Moore
" " John A. Moore
" " R. L. Flanary
" " Gus Taylor
" " Dr. F. W. Nunn
" " Geo. M. Crider
" " J. F. Dodge
" " J. W. Wilson

Alvis Stephens
Maybell Guess
Ina Price
Mildred Haynes
Chastain W. Haynes
Nelle Love
W. B. Butler
George Rush
J. L. Rankin
W. D. Cannan
Wm. Ring

The Girl Who Thought She Could

[With apologies to George Ade]

Once there was a girl who thought she could write books and only waited for the opportunity to present itself. Whenever she read a new book on love and swords and horseplay, and then read the newspaper criticism on the book and therewith an advertisement of the interesting young author, she would sigh: "If

I were but blind or a cripple and compelled to earn my living some way, I just know that Ernest Seton-Thompson would lie himself into the jungle with his lions and foxes; Mary Johnstone's latest novel would be read only by the reviewer's office-boy, while the world would be willing to pay \$1.59 for a copy of my living and throbbing discussion of the divorce problem, the Turtle's Spots, the Automobile Bubble, or the Marriage of Molly O'Donnell and Moses Kolinsky."

Her best friend, who wrote for the papers, asked her to let him see her plots as outlined in her little pink note-book. He read them and told her: "You certainly have the artistic instinct and literary inflatus"

By and by our heroine got into hard luck and found that she had to pound her bread out of a typewriter. As she sweated over business terms her thoughts soared to higher things and she stole her employer's time in order to write articles for the papers, usually on Monday morning after a Sunday of reading the joke-page and Robert Browning.

She sent one joke to twenty-one magazines, beginning with the Ladies' Home Journal, and ending with Success. When she received the last little poisonous printed slip, "Not available," she decided to let her home paper, the Rocky County Record, publish the joke among its ads, signed "By a Former Citizen."

Ideas flocked into her head, but did not settle down long enough to hatch anything of merit. Nothing daunted, she read Shakespeare, and tried her hand on a little comedy; she read Tennyson and attempted a poem that was to cast the Princess into oblivion. Dickens would have turned over in his grave until dizzy could he have seen her imitation of his style. But the magazines could not see things her way, and she tearfully confided to her friend that if she were famous and had a cinch with the literary lights, her MSS. would sell for \$10 or more per line.

Her friend in the meantime was earning his \$60 per once, in so after, for his stunts with the pen and she confided in him. Showed him her stories and asked for his honest opinion.

A few weeks later she read a clever story which had won the prize in a contest in her favorite magazine. The plot seemed familiar, the characters breathed to her, "We have met before." She eagerly turned to the author's name, only to find it, "Dennis."

When she called the attention of her friend to the coincidence, he simply ask her for more plots.

Moral: His pseudonym was Dennis.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Henderson, Ky., Feb. 14.

EDITOR PRESS-RECORD:

Please announce in your next issue that Mr. L. N. Roberson, State Organizer of the American Society of Equity, in company with T. T. Barrett, General Manager of the Stemming District Tobacco Association, will address the farmers of Crittenden and Caldwell counties at Marion, March 4; Fredonia, March 5, and Princeton, March 6. Speaking to begin at 1 o'clock.

Agricultural organization has passed the experimental stage, and the tobacco growers of Kentucky enjoy the distinction of being the leaders in agricultural co-operation. Messrs. Barret and Roberson have been identified with Equity work since its inception in Kentucky and are thoroughly competent to instruct the farmers of Crittenden and Caldwell in co-operation work. Both are pleasing, entertaining and forcible speakers.

Respectfully,
JAMES N. BANKS,
Sec'y, Society of Equity.
Rush Stephenson visited relatives at Mexico last Sunday.